



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** **POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE 45%**  
**Other means of identification** None.  
**Recommended use** ALL PROPER AND LEGAL PURPOSES  
**Recommended restrictions** None known.

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

#### Manufacturer

**Company name** Brenntag Northeast, LLC  
**Address** 81 West Huller Lane  
 Reading, PA 19605  
**Telephone** 610-926-4151  
**E-mail** Not available.  
**Emergency phone number** 800-424-9300 Chemtrec

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards** Corrosive to metals Category 1  
**Health hazards** Acute toxicity, oral Category 3  
 Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1  
 Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1  
**Environmental hazards** Not classified.  
**OSHA defined hazards** Not classified.

#### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statement** May be corrosive to metals. Toxic if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage.

#### Precautionary statement

**Prevention** Keep only in original container. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
**Response** If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.  
**Storage** Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store locked up.  
**Disposal** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)** None known.

**Supplemental information** 45% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity. 55% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute inhalation toxicity.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (K(OH))		1310-58-3	45
Other components below reportable levels			55

\*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

#### 4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Chemical burns must be treated by a physician. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
Eye contact	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested the substance. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Nausea, vomiting. Diarrhea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. Coughing.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Chemical burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
General information	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO2).
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas.  Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water.  Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.  Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

#### 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Avoid prolonged exposure. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
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**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store locked up. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Keep only in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS). Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

**8. Exposure controls/personal protection****Occupational exposure limits****US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values**

Components	Type	Value
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (K(OH)) (CAS 1310-58-3)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

**US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards**

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**Biological limit values**

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

**Appropriate engineering controls**

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

The following are recommendations for Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE). The employer/user of this product must perform a Hazard Assessment of the workplace according to OSHA regulations 29 CFR 1910.132 to determine the appropriate PPE for use while performing any task involving potential exposure to this product.

**Eye/face protection** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

**Skin protection****Hand protection**

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

**Other**

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

**Respiratory protection**

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

**Thermal hazards**

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

**General hygiene considerations**

Keep away from food and drink. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

**9. Physical and chemical properties****Appearance**

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Form</b>	Liquid.
<b>Color</b>	COLORLESS, VISCOUS

**Odor** NO ODOR

**Odor threshold** Not available.

**pH** 14

**Melting point/freezing point** -20 °F (-28.89 °C)

**Initial boiling point and boiling range** 270 °F (132.22 °C)

**Flash point** Not available.

**Evaporation rate** Not available.

**Flammability (solid, gas)** Not applicable.

**Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits**

**Flammability limit - lower (%)** Not available.

**Flammability limit - upper (%)** Not available.

**Explosive limit - lower (%)** Not available.

Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Not available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Density	12.10 lbs/gal
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
Percent volatile	55 % estimated
Specific gravity	1.45

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	May be corrosive to metals.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Maleic anhydride.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	May cause irritation to the respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage.
Ingestion	Toxic if swallowed. Causes digestive tract burns.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Nausea, vomiting. Diarrhea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. Coughing.
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### Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Toxic if swallowed.
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Components	Species	Test Results
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POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (K(OH)) (CAS 1310-58-3)

#### Acute

#### Oral

LD50	Rat	273 mg/kg
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Skin corrosion/irritation	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
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Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye damage.
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### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
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Skin sensitization	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.
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Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1 % are mutagenic or genotoxic.
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Carcinogenicity	Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
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**IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity**

Not listed.

**OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)**

Not regulated.

**US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens**

Not listed.

<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Not an aspiration hazard.
<b>Chronic effects</b>	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

**12. Ecological information**

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
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Components	Species	Test Results
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (K(OH)) (CAS 1310-58-3)		
Aquatic		
Fish	LC50	Western mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis) 80 mg/l, 96 hours

<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	No data available.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	No data available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

**13. Disposal considerations**

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	D002: Waste Corrosive material [pH <=2 or >=12.5, or corrosive to steel] The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

**14. Transport information**

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<b>UN number</b>	UN1814
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	-
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
<b>ERG number</b>	154
Transport information on packaging may be different from that listed. Transportation information on packaging may be different from that listed.	

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## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

### CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

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### SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

Not regulated.

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

#### SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

#### SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Yes

##### Classified hazard categories

Corrosive to metal  
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)  
Skin corrosion or irritation  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation

#### SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

### Other federal regulations

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

#### Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

Not regulated.

### US state regulations

#### California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2016 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Toxic Chemical Substances (TCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

#### 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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HMIS® ratings	Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Physical hazard: 4
NFPA ratings	Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Instability: 1
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Revision information	Physical & Chemical Properties: Multiple Properties